

4 April 2024

Woodbine Cottage

3 High Street

Bursledon

SO31 8DL

Rachael Morris

Planning Dept

Eastleigh Borough Council

Dear Ms Morris

Planning No: F/24/97033. BADNAM COTTAGE, HIGH STREET, OLD BURSLEDON, SO31 8DJ

I would like to ask if you will consider my objections to this application, for the demolition of Badnam Cottage and its replacement by a four bedroom new dwelling.

Firstly, I understand that demolitions in the Old Bursledon Conservation Area are only allowed when these are deemed necessary by the Local Authority. In this case, I have in fact been inside Badnam Cottage on a few occasions when the previous owners lived there and I certainly saw no obvious evidence of a bad state of repair. I have since been to the property on frequent occasions to deliver a local periodical and it continues to look in a good state to me!

The appearance of any conservation area from outside that area is also an important planning consideration for local authorities, I believe. In this case much of Old Bursledon, including High Street, overlooks the adjacent River Hamble and Lower Swanwick on the opposite shore. A few days ago I walked the public footpath at Lower Swanwick (also a conservation area) and looked across at the 'skyline' of High Street. Badnam Cottage was clearly in sight along with neighbouring properties, but none of them stands higher than the surrounding trees - so the view has continued to be an extremely pleasant one from that aspect. It is my opinion that the replacement of Badnam Cottage by a larger dwelling would result in a 'blot on the landscape' and compromise both conservation areas.

Yours sincerely



David Dunn

cc The Old Bursledon Action Group.

cc Bursledon Parish Council